

Appln No. 10/790,993

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-9 are pending. Claims 2, 5 and 8 are amended.

Claims 2-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the invention. In view of the amendments to the independent claims 2, 5, and 8, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection be withdrawn.

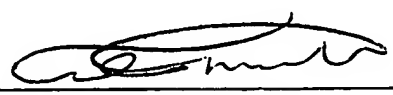
Claims 2-9 would be allowable if re-written to overcome the objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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